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Re: DM 05-172 - PUC Investigation into Utility Poles - Responses to Topic 5 Data Requests (Competitive Issues)

Dear Attorney Fabrizio:

On behalf of the nine intervening municipalities, Exeter, Hanover, Keene, Newmarket, Portsmouth, Raymond, Salem, Seabrook and Stratham, enclosed please find the responses to PUC Staff's Data Requests related to Topic 5 (Competitive Issues). These responses have also been submitted electronically to the e-mail list in this proceeding.

In addition to compiling the responses of these municipalities into one document, we have included a brief summary of the answers. Not all municipalities had information germane to every request, and we are working with the municipalities to complete assembly of the responses. We have identified the parties providing the responses, many of whom provided the responses with the assistance of other municipal employees, although we cannot yet confirm which individuals would be available to participate in the September 27th technical session. We will provide the PUC with a list of the attendees in advance of the technical session.

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We expect to supplement these data responses with additional information to be provided by the municipalities. Any supplemental responses will be provided in advance of the September $27^{\rm th}$ technical session.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Very truly yours, DONAHUE, TUCKER & CIANDELLA, PLLC

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